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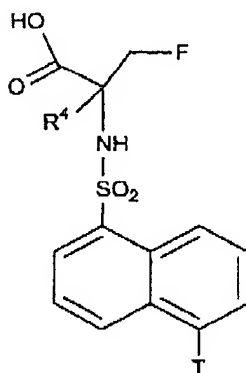
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

Claims 1-47 (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47, represented by the structure as set forth in formula (VI):



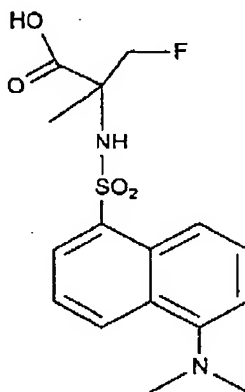
(VI)

wherein T is as defined in Claim 47: OH, -O-CH₃, -O-(CH₂)_y-CH₃, NH₂, N(CH₃)₂, N[(CH₂)₃CH₃]₂, -N(CH₃)[(CH₂)₂CH₃], -N(CH₃)CH₂CH₃ or -N(CH₃)[(CH₂)₃CH₃]; wherein y stands for an integer of 1, 2, or 3;

and R⁴ is hydrogen or a C₁, C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅ or C₆ straight or branched alkyl, and wherein the F atom is ¹⁸F or ¹⁹F or mixtures of fluorine isotopes a mixture of fluorine isotopes.

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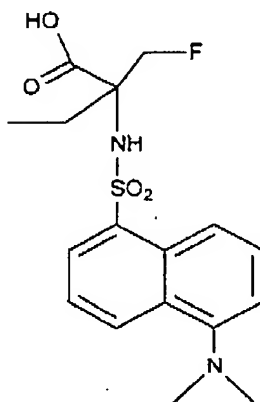
49. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47 48, represented by the structure as set forth in formula (VII):



(VII)

wherein the F atom is ¹⁸F or ¹⁹F or a mixture of fluorine isotopes.

50. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47 48, represented by the structure as set forth in formula (VIII):

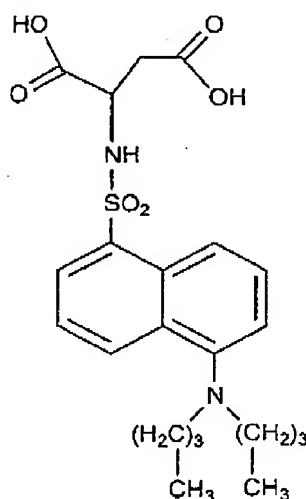


(VIII)

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wherein the F atom is ^{18}F or ^{19}F or ~~mixtures of fluorine isotope~~ a mixture of fluorine isotopes.

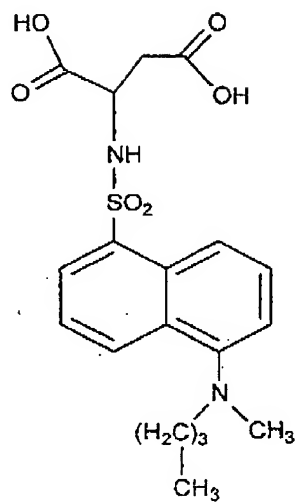
51. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47 represented by the structure as set forth in formula (IX):



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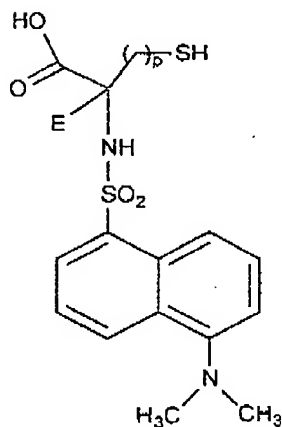
52. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47, represented by the structure as set forth in formula (X):

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(X)

53. (Currently Amended) A compound according to Claim 47, represented by the structure as set forth in formula (XI):



(XI)

wherein E is C_1 , C_2 , C_3 or C_4 alkyl; C_1 , C_2 , C_3 or C_4 fluoroalkyl; or C_1 , C_2 , C_3 or C_4 hydroxyalkyl; p stands for an integer of 1 or 2.

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54. (Previously presented) A compound according to Claim 53, wherein p is 1.

55 - 67 (Cancelled)

68. (New) A method for selective targeting of a chemical compound to a cell undergoing perturbation of the normal organization of its plasma membrane (PNOM-cell) present in a cell population, comprising the step of contacting the cell population with a perturbed membrane binding compound (PMBC), being a chemical compound represented by the structure set forth in formula (VIII) of Claim 50, thereby selectively targeting the chemical compound to the PNOM-cells within the cell population.

69. (New) A method of detecting the presence of PNOM-cells within a cell population selected from: a cell culture, a tissue in a human patient and a tissue in an animal, comprising the steps of:

(i) administering the cell population with a PMBC, or a conjugate comprising said PMBC and a marker for imaging, wherein said PMBC is represented by the structure set forth in formula (VIII) of Claim 50; and

(ii) determining the amount of PMBC bound to cells in the cell population wherein a bound amount which is significantly higher than a control indicates the presence of PNOM-cells within the cell population.

70. (New) A method according to Claim 68, wherein the PNOM-cell is a cell undergoing a death process, an apoptotic cell or an activated platelet.

71. (New) A method for selective targeting of a PNOM-cell present in a cell population, comprising the step of:

(i) contacting the cell population with a PMBC, or a conjugate comprising said PMBC and a marker for imaging, wherein said PMBC is represented by the structure set forth in formula (VIII) of Claim 50; and

(ii) determining the amount of PMBC bound to cells in said cell population, wherein a bound amount which is significantly higher than a control indicates the presence of said PNOM-cells within the cell population.